

violate any of the laws or regulations of the state for the government of the public oyster grounds or the natural oyster beds: so help me, God."

Upon the production of said oath, duly attested, the clerk of the superior court of any county hereinbefore named shall issue to the applicant a license, to take or catch oysters from the public grounds or natural oyster beds of the state, in manner and form as follows:

Term of license. *Be it remembered*, that.....having on the.....day of18....., made oath as prescribed by law before....., and having produced said oath, duly subscribed and attested, and having made application to take or catch oysters on the public grounds or natural oyster beds of the state, I do hereby grant the said.....a license to take or catch oysters from the public oyster grounds, or natural oyster beds, of the state until the first day of September next following the date of this license; upon condition, nevertheless, that the said.....shall observe in good faith the obligation of his oath and the laws and regulations of the state relating to said public oyster grounds, or natural oyster beds; otherwise this license shall be null and void.

Witness my hand and official seal this.....day of.....18.....

.....,
Clerk of the Superior Court,
County,
State of North Carolina.

License to be recorded.

Fees of clerk.

Proviso.

The said oath and license shall be recorded in a book to be kept for the purpose by the said clerk, and for recording the same, and all other expenses, he shall be allowed a fee of twenty-five cents: *Provided*, no license shall be issued except upon production by applicant of a receipt for the tax required on boats or vessels, as hereafter provided.

License tax.

How collected.

Graduation of taxes.

SEC. 4. That each and every boat or vessel engaged in taking or catching oysters from the public oyster grounds, or natural oyster beds, shall be subject to the following tax, which shall be collected by the clerk of the superior court, where said clerk issues license for said boat or vessel. All boats, canoes or vessels, or other craft, under custom-house tonnage, shall pay a license tax of one dollar; and all boats, canoes, vessels or other craft, subject to custom-house tonnage, shall pay a tax of two dollars per ton, which shall be collected by the clerk of the superior court on application for license, and each and every person in the employ of the owner or master of any boat or vessel, licensed under the provisions of this act, shall obtain license as required by sections two and three of this act: *Pro-*

Each employee to obtain license.